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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AODE, CS

SUBJECT: MODE - FBI REQUEST TO OPEN REGIONAL OFFICE IN SAN JOSE

1. FBI WOULD LIKE TO OPEN A REGIONAL OFFICE FOR CENTRAL AMERICA IN SAN JOSE AND HAS REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER TWO AGENTS AND TWO U.S. CLERK-STENOGRAPHERS FROM ITS MEXICO CITY OFFICE TO SAN JOSE FOR THIS PURPOSE. THESE OFFICERS WOULD HANDLE LIAISON RESPONSIBILITIES IN CENTRAL AMERICA CURRENTLY BEING MET BY AGENTS OPERATING OUT OF MEXICO CITY. AREAS COVERED BY SAN JOSE OFFICE WOULD BE: BELIZE, COSTA RICA, EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, CONFIDENTIAL

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NICARAGUA AND PANAMA.

2. FBI VIEWS MOVE AS ECONOMY MEASURE. MAJORITY OF CASE WORK IN AREA IS IN COSTA RICA OR PANAMA. COSTA RICA IS

PREFERRED SITE OF THE TWO. FBI WOULD LIKE TO EFFECT THIS TRANSFER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. DEPT HAS SERIOUS CONCERNS REGARDING POLITICAL SENSITIVITIES OF MOVE AT THIS TIME AND WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S FULL ASSESSMENT. PLEASE INCLUDE ESTIMATE OF HOST GOVERNMENT REACTION.

4. IF EMBASSY CONCURS IN FBI REQUEST, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS AND YOUR ESTIMATE OF WHEN MOVE COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED. LEGAL ATTACHE PREPARED DISCUSS DETAILS REGARDING OFFICE SPACE, EQUIPMENT, AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE NEEDS ON CURRENT OR NEXT ROAD TRIP.

5. LEGATT OFFICE NORMALLY OPERATES OWN COMMUNICATIONS AND DEPARTMENT HAS REMINDED FBI OF THE RIGHT OF ACCESS BY CHIEF OF MISSION TO THE SUBSTANCE OF FBI OFFICE'S COMMUNICATIONS PURSUANT TO PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO AMBASSADORS AND SECTION 12, P.L. 93-475. ROBINSON

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